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SUBJ: GOS RELEASES TEN DETAINEES

REF: A. SINGAPORE 1078; B. SINGAPORE 665; C. SINGAPORE 1614

1. GOS MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED ON APRIL 13 THE RELEASE OF TEN DETAINEES; THE LIST WAS HEADED BY JOURNALIST ARUN SENKUTTUVAN. ARUN, THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF DETAINED LAWYER RAMAN'S CIRCLE, AND LAWYER R. JOETHY, WERE RELEASED ON APRIL 13; REMAINING GROUP CONSISTED OF TWO INDIVIDUALS IMPLICATED BY RAMAN AND THREE MEMBERS OF VARIOUS CPM ORGANIZATIONS.

2. FOUR OF THE EX-DETAINEES, INCLUDING ARUN, WERE FREED UNCONDITIONALLY; OTHERS ARE ON RESTRICTION ORDERS THAT LIMIT THEIR FREEDOM OF TRAVEL AND ASSOCIATION. ARUN (BORN IN INDIA), AND SINGAPORE AIRLINES EXECUTIVE AND RAMAN ASSOCIATE KOH KAY YEW (BORN IN MALAYSIA), HAVE HAD THEIR SINGAPORE CITIZENSHIP REVOKED.

3. COMMENT: RELEASE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS LEAVES AT LEAST FIVE

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RAMAN-CONNECTED INDIVIDUALS UNDER DETENTION, INCLUDING RAMAN HIMSELF AND HO KWON PING. OTHERS INVOLVED WITH RAMAN MAY ALSO BE UNDER DETENTION, BUT THEIR NAMES HAVE YET TO SURFACE. IN PUBLIC RELEASE, ISD MADE NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH RAMAN AND CPM MEMBERS. THIS ACTION REFLECTS ISD'S VIEW THAT RAMAN ELEMENTS ARE SUBVERSIVE THREAT MERITING SAME TREATMENT AS CPM MEMBERS.

4. DEPRIVATION OF CITIZENSHIP HAS, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, BEEN
NORMALLY FOLLOWED BY IMMEDIATE EXPULSION OF INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED
TO ANOTHER COUNTRY UNDER AEGIS OF BANISHMENT ACT, OR INDEFINITE
DETENTION IF NO COUNTRY WILLING TO RECEIVE INDIVIDUALS OR IF
HE REFUSES TO CONCUR IN EXILE. PUBLICITY IN GOS-INFLUENCED
PRESS INDICATES, HOWEVER, THAT ARUN AND KOH WILL BE ALLOWED
TO REMAIN IN SINGAPORE, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL ENJOY ONLY SECOND
CLASS STATUS IN SOME RESPECTS, INCLUDING THE LOSS OF SOME
CITIZEN BENEFITS. BLOCH

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